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Applicant :	Steve B. Brown, et al.	Docket No. :	IL-11024
Serial No. :	10/648,626	Art Unit :	1723
Filed :	08/25/2003	Examiner :	Krishnan S. Menon
For :	VARIABLE FLEXURE-BASED FLUID FILTER		

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This is a preliminary amendment in a RCE application. In response to the Office Action mailed March 16, 2006 please amend the above-identified application as follows: